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SUBJ: OIL NOT DISCUSSED AT RABAT

REF : (A) STATE 238074; (B) RABAT 5289

1. AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD BY YAMANI TODAY, FOLLOWING OPENING CEREMONY OF ARAB MINERALS CONFERENCE, THAT KING FAISAL HAD INFORMED DELEGATES TO ARAB OIL CONFERENCE IN RABAT THAT OIL WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE DISCUSSED BY THE CONFERENCE. IT WAS NOT.

2. REFERENCE TELEGRAM B SUGGESTS SUBJECT MAY HAVE COME UP AT LUNCHEON MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STATE. AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY, PERHAPS BEFORE YAMANI'S RETURN TO RIYADH, AMBASSADOR WILL DISCUSS NEW YORK TIMES STORY WITH YAMANI AND REPORT WHAT DECISION, IF ANY, WAS MADE ON MODERATING PRICES. WE TEND TO BELIEVE THAT IF THERE WAS SUCH A LUNCHEON, PARTICIPANTS AGREED ONLY TO TALKS WITH MAJOR OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

3. EMBASSY NOTES THAT USIS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT IN TEHRAN IN A STORY DATED NOV. 1, CLAIMS: "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT WHILE DR. KISSINGER WILL DISCUSS THE OIL SITUATION WITH THE SHAH HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO TALK TO
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THE IRANIAN LEADER ABOUT ANY SPECIFIC REDUCTIONS IN OIL

PRICES." SAUDIS WILL CERTAINLY QUESTION US ON THIS PART.

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